

Delivering, protecting and enhancing community facilities within a Green Community Investment Plan



ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2022-23

Sevenoaks Town Council has made investing in the local environment and making Sevenoaks greener its number one priority. The Town Council's overall aim is to put in place affordable and practical initiatives with long term green benefits for the local community and to support and encourage residents to pursue individually. For more details, please review the Green Community Investment Plan at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Sevenoaks Town Council operates and looks after a wide range of community facilities including allotments, bus shelters, cemetery, community halls, public open spaces and play areas for a full list see www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Sevenoaks Town Council also remains committed to assisting local voluntary groups who do so much for the town. This is achieved by offering grants and practical support where possible.

For any organisation to operate effectively it needs a sound budget. The past two financial years have been difficult for most and there are expected to be continued financial pressures in the forthcoming year. Please see overleaf for figures relating to Sevenoaks Town Council Budget for 2022 - 2023.

Some of the functions and facilities the Town Council provides

(For full details see www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk)

Climate change initiatives



Floral displays & Christmas lights

8

Play areas

Litter bins & litter collecting
Public toilets
Cemetery
Bus shelters



Youth cafe & Youth Council

Community events
Markets
Public seats

2

Allotment sites



11
Sports pitches

23
Public open spaces



10
Community buildings

£58k
Grants to local organisations

Skateboard Park,
Outdoor Gyms
MUGA

Average Band D home contributes
£132.67 per annum/
£2.55 per week

Where does the £1,864,485 Sevenoaks Town Council budget come from?

ANNUAL PRECEPT
£1,295,675

70% of the budget comes from the domestic ratepayer's precept (council tax). The Town Council does not receive any portion of business rates or government grants.

INCOME FROM SERVICES
£528,922

28% of the budget comes from fees and services such as community halls, sports pitches, markets, cemetery, and cafes

RESERVES
£39,888

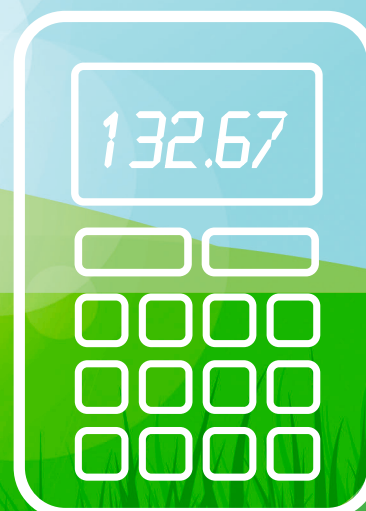
2% of the budget will be from Town Council's reserves. £59,888 supports Bat & Ball Café during initial years of opening, offset by an increase of (£20,000) revenue reserves.

Wherever possible the Town Council aims to provide community facilities at the lowest cost possible to reduce the burden on the taxpayer. At the same time providing the facilities that the community wants and needs. This is often achieved by volunteers assisting in this for which the Town Council continues to remain grateful.

There are some facilities which are not commercially viable including maintenance of public open spaces and play areas and youth facilities, these do not generate income as they are free for public use.

What will it cost per average household (Band D)?

COMMUNITY SERVICES	ADMINISTRATION & FACILITATION	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT	LOCAL REPRESENTATION
Public Open Space - £408k (net cost £344k)	Council Administration £488k (net cost £462k)	Public Works Loan - £71k	Planning Consultation - £29k
Community Events - £58k (net cost £36k)	Council Offices - £67k (net cost £58k)	Contingency - £44k	Democracy costs (including elections) - £23k
Cemetery - £145k (net cost £58k)	IT - £31k	Local Grants to voluntary organisations - £58k	Total £52k (3%)
Community Venues - £315k (net cost £46k)	Insurance - £19k	Total £173k (9%)	
Markets - £56k (net cost £6k)	Professional Fees - £15k		
Youth Provision - £38k (net cost £36k)	Total £620k Net Cost £585k (33%)		
Total £1,020k Net Cost £526k (55%)			



Total Annual Revenue Budget £1,864,485

Annual Cost per Household (Band D) £132.67 per year / £2.55 per week

An increase of 3.2%, £4.17 per year/ 8 pence per week compared to 2021-2022

This leaflet provides a precis of the budget. Complete budget information is available to view on request or via Sevenoaks Town Council's website. Please forward any queries or comments you have regarding the budget by email to Linda Larter, Town Clerk. Sevenoaks Town Council, Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3QG. Email: townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk. www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk